



State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

By Representative Faison

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jake Carr, poster child for Kerbela Shriners.

WHEREAS, from time to time the members of this General Assembly have the distinct privilege to honor those stalwart individuals who, despite tremendous personal challenges, exhibit the strength of character that makes them community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable individual is Jake Carr, a twelve-year-old sixth-grade student who has exhibited an inspirational dedication and support of the Kerbela Shriners in his role as their poster child; and

WHEREAS, diagnosed at five months with infantile scoliosis, Jake Carr has undergone twenty surgeries and ninety-five trips to the hospital, including a stay of four months, and endured four body casts, five back braces and two halo treatments; and

WHEREAS, Jake's outstanding and extensive medical care was provided at the Shriners' Hospital for Children in Lexington, Kentucky, and came at no cost, having been paid for entirely by the Shriners; and

WHEREAS, unable to play soccer before because of his medical condition, Jake can now play soccer and enjoys swimming, having overcome his physical ailments with the help of the Shriners; and

WHEREAS, with plans to become a Shriner himself when he gets older, Jake Carr has gone above and beyond in his duties as a poster child for the Kerbela Shriners and continues to help the Shriners' organization raise funds; and

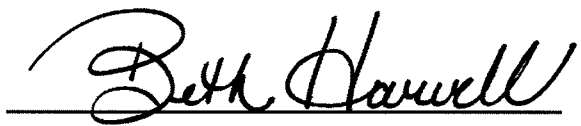
WHEREAS, it is highly fitting that this body pause in its deliberations to specially recognize such an exemplary young man and true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Jake Carr for his dedication to the Kerbela Shriners, his many efforts on behalf of Shriners' Hospital, and his personal commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 16, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Beth Harwell", written over a horizontal line.

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES